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For: BIOLOGICAL GLUE BASED ON THROMBIN-CONJUGATED

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of August 30, 2007 (for which petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), and the requirement for restriction presented in it, holding the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-9 and 15-19), Group II (claims 10-14, 20-24 and 28), or Group III (claims 25-27), Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-9 and 15-19) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (*i.e.*, <u>inter alia</u>, nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is

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requested to ensure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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